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30 Foot Pipe Added to Snowboard Hill
Longest Snowboard Jib Rail in Province Makes for a Wicked Ride
Join Us at 1 pm, Friday To See It In Action

Arctic Glacier Winter Park, The Forks – The last piece of this year's Arctic Glacier Winter Park has been placed at the snowboard hill, and it's a big one.

A 30 foot pipe, hand-crafted locally, was added today and will have its inaugural use tomorrow. The addition of the pipe, also known as a jib rail, is the longest one of its kind in the province.

"This snowboard hill was already the only hill of its kind in a downtown setting in Canada," says Paul Jordan, Chief Operating Officer, The Forks. "This completes a hill that already includes jumps, smaller rails and fun-boxes. And, it's free and open every day to the public."

The hill was designed once again by local snowboarder Andrew Kondrat, who is also the Head Coach of the Manitoba Snowboard Team. The team, he says, will make great use of this new piece.

"We're preparing for the Canada Games right now and any bit of practice we can get is essential to our success," says Kondrat. "The Forks has been an amazing partner this year by providing us with a great venue to hone our skills and elevate the level of the sport among the general public."

Snowboard instruction is available, free of charge, every Sunday at the hill from 1:30pm – 3:30 pm.

Note to News/Photo Editors: Get the live footage and great photos as the rail is tried out for the first time tomorrow afternoon by a member of The Manitoba Snowboard Team:

Friday, January 19, 2007
1:00 pm – 1:20 pm
Snowboard Hill, Festival Park
(in front of Scotiabank Stage)

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